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MEDIA RELEASE

The Traffic Enforcement Section is investigating a Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision that occurred on Friday, September 23, 2005 at approximately 2:20AM. The collision occurred on eastbound MD Rt. 175 east of Tamar Drive when a Nissan Maxima left the roadway and overturned.

The Nissan was traveling over the speed limit when the female operator lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle traveled off of the right roadside struck several trees and overturned. A male passenger in the rear of the vehicle was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead on the scene.

The driver and a right front passenger were both flown by Maryland State Police Medivac to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma.

The driver has been identified as *Maricela Cossio Knight* 30 years of age, of the 6300 blk. Gray Sea Way Columbia, Maryland. She is currently listed in Fair and Stable condition. The right front passenger is identified as *Farad Hassan*, 24 years of age of the 7600 blk. Wood Park Lane. He is listed in Fair/ Stable condition.

The deceased has been identified as *Andrew Thomas Knight*, 27 years of age of the 6300 blk. Gray Sea Way Columbia Maryland.

Excessive speed and alcohol are both contributing factors in this collision.

Charges are pending further investigation by Pfc. Meek.